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IN RE APPLICATION OF
MALCOLM RICHARD BOYD

Art Unit: 1648
Examiner Mosher, M.

APPLICATION NO: 09/884,715

FILED: JUNE 19, 2001

FOR: NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGS IN COMBINATION THERAPY OF
HERPES SIMPLEX INFECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

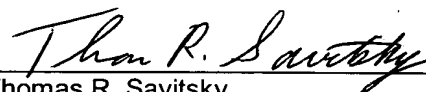
The Office Action of September 25, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 25, 2003. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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